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 TOPIC Military Information from Letzling Heath

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 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1
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1. Shipments, which passed through Haldensleben between 24 and 29 October 1953, coming from the direction of Magdeburg and proceeding toward Hillersleben, included:
 1 T-34/85 tank and 1 boxcar at about 2 p.m. on 24 October; 2 SP guns at about 1 p.m. on 28 October; and 3 SP guns, T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] and 2 boxcars at about 10 a.m. on 29 October. About 15 trucks with pontoons and 1 field kitchen were detrained in Haldensleben and left for Hillersleben on 25 October.
 At about noon on 25 October, a shipment of 10 flatcars with timber and 3 boxcars occupied by troops left Haldensleben toward Hillersleben.

2. On 19 and 22 October, reports of artillery pieces were heard from the Letzling Heath training grounds.

3. On 16 November, the Remonteschule in Gardelegen was occupied as previously. Between 1 and 16 November, an undetermined number of troops engaged in field training, firing practice, map reading and compass training in the vicinity of Gardelegen, and in the maintenance of motorcycles in the barracks installation. [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] trucks [REDACTED] hauled 60 tons of potatoes to the Remonteschule for Unit Ponomarev stationed there. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the installation.

4. On 16 November, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied. Troops observed in the quartering area received infantry training. No firing was held at the AT gun firing ranges. Light traffic by supply vehicles was observed.

5. After the completion of the maneuvers on 10 November, the troops left the field encampments in the area southwest of Jävenitz. Trucks towing 122-mm field guns and mortars were seen with the departing troops who proceeded toward Haldensleben.

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[REDACTED] southeast of Jävenitz, 25X1
 only winterized one-story buildings were still occupied, while tent camps had been broken. [REDACTED] on and after 10 November, troops from this camp had been hauled to the Gardelegen railroad station by truck [REDACTED]
 On 12 November, the hospital tent near Gardelegen was being dismantled. On 13 November, the telephone line along the Haldensleben-Bora-Letzlingen road was also being dismantled.

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7. On 21 November, the installations on Stalingrad Strasse and Goethe Strasse, Tangermunde, were lightly occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A 76-mm AA gun was seen in the quartering area. [redacted]
8. On 21 November, the Remonteschule in Gardelegen was occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] any training in the quartering area. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. 4
9. On 21 November, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Gardelegen was occupied by artillery and infantry units. 2
10. On 21 November, the wood camp southeast of Jaevenitz was occupied by a guard detail. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the windows and doors were boarded up. Truck [redacted] left the installation toward Jaevenitz. 3
11. On 15 November, the barracks installation at the western exit of Hillersleben was occupied to capacity. [redacted] a new building, 60 x 12 meters was under construction north of building No 26 and south of, and parallel to, the fence. [redacted] only Soviet soldiers were employed, while other buildings had been erected by German workers. On 14 November, firing with submachine guns and rifles was observed. [redacted]
12. On 15 November, the barracks installation at the eastern exit of Hillersleben was occupied almost to capacity. The northeast section of the installation was still vacant. [redacted] about 15 trucks [redacted] in a shed. 5
13. At about 10 a.m. on 11 November, a shipment of 17 boxcarloads of ration supplies arrived in Hillersleben from the direction of Haldensleben.
1. [redacted] Comment. The previous assumption that the troop train [redacted] went from Tangerhuette to Hillersleben on 24 October, carried elements of the engineer battalion of the 19th Gds Mecz Div returning to the post from Bittkau, is confirmed to a certain extent by information in this report. The battalion is assumed stationed in the barracks installation at the western exit of Hillersleben.
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the barracks installations in Gardelegen were occupied similarly as prior to the spring of 1953, i.e. the Fliegerhorst Kaserne by the 598th Mtz Rifle Regt and the 780th Gun Arty Regt and the Remonteschule by the unidentified motorcycle battalion, all of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted] one Lieutenant Colonel Popov (fnu) as commanding officer of the unidentified motorcycle battalion in the Remonteschule; this Popov presumably is Popokov (fnu) mentioned in this report. The location of the 890th Engr Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, which was also stationed in the Remonteschule prior to the spring of 1953, could not yet be determined.

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- 25X1 3. [] Comment. [] the construction
25X1 of gun bunkers in the area southwest of Jaevenitz. The emplacements presumably
25X1 had still been occupied by the 693d How Arty Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div
which, from there, probably left toward Stendal. []

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a large part of the camp southeast of Jaevenitz had already been vacant on 13
25X1 October. It is possible that only small details remained there until mid-Novem-
ber. []

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25X1 northwest of the railroad station and bordered by Stalingrad Strasse and Goethe
25X1 Strasse and occupied by the 953d AAA Bn (JS) of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. []
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25X1 of the two installations in Hillersleben []
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